

**REMARKS**

The submission of prior art is an amendment that falls within the guidelines of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 (see MPEP § 714.16). Accordingly, Applicant would like to submit into the file record the following reference:

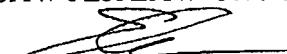
U.S. Patent No. 5,668,993 to Peters et al. (September 16, 1997)

A copy of the reference is attached herewith.

The above reference was previously submitted in the parent application, which has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,732,137 (May 4, 2004). Applicant respectfully submits that the above reference is cumulative of the references already cited in the present application and therefore, should not affect patentability of the allowed claims.

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